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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:11.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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DIVIDING THE SCRIPTURES

Reproach is Often Brought on the Church by Those Who do not Know.

WE NEED A BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

The Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. This means that the Church stands for the Bible rightly divided whether there is a member in it or not that is able to rightly divide it. This does not mean our own individual or private interpretation, but it means the correct interpretation.

In the Church are some members that are able to rightly divide more of the Scriptures than others. But we are not sure that we have any one individual that is perfectly able to rightly divide all of the Bible. But a lack on our part does not lower the standard of the Church. It stands for the whole Bible rightly divided whether we as individuals are able to perfectly divide even one tenth part of it or not.

The members may make some mistakes in their interpretations or applications of different Scriptures. We are not infallible. We do not claim infallibility, but we do not bring the standard of the Church down to our fanciful notions, or make a creed that is no higher than our understanding of things.

People may have their creeds and views and interpretations, but this does not affect the standard of the Church of God. Every member may be deficient in ability and understanding and knowledge, but the standard of the Church remains the same. It still stands for the whole Bible rightly divided.

If the Church of God were based on a creed, or upon just what its members could understand only, it would be no more than other churches. But this is not the case. The standard is raised to its full height when we make the declaration that the Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. This makes it different from any other church on earth. This places the standard in its proper position whether the members are able to reach it or not.

We cannot pull the standard down to where we are, and thus make a creed or make the standard on a level with ourselves. To do this would make another church instead of the Church of God. That is the very thing that all reformers have done since the Church lost her identity at the Nicene Council in the year 325.

That is the very cause of the beautiful Church of God losing her identity as the Church of God. Those 18 bishops pulled the standard down to their finite understanding of things and settled down on a creed. She who had shined so brilliantly in the time of the apostles and those immediately following them, was covered with a veil and dressed in mourning. And not until in recent years has this

mourning been removed. But thank God, the veil has been laid aside and she is now being decked with beautiful and fair colors. (Isa. 54:11.) The days of her mourning are ended. (Isa. 51:11.) The standard is not pulled down to a creed which can be no higher than the understanding of the mind of finite man, but the standard re-

mains in its place when we say the Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided, and its members on tip-toe to reach the standard instead of playing the baby and trying to pull it down to where they are. We say it kindly and tenderly but it is true, that reproach is often brought on the Church by those who do not know how to properly divide the Scriptures, and often make a mess of it. Such as this reminds me of a grown person stooping over all out of shape to walk with a child and appear no higher than the child. Here is like a child pulling papa or mama down to its low position to kiss or embrace them instead of them standing upright and the little fellow climbing up on a chair or table to get up where they are.

The standard of the Church of God shall remain right where it was placed by Him who said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It shall not be pulled down to meet the puny incomplete understanding of men. If men will embrace it and caress it, let them climb upon the chairs or tables and raise themselves to its own height, and not try to deform it and dwarf it or make it a "crook-back" just to get it down where they are with their lack of understanding and ability.

Please remember that the Church of God stands for the whole Bible RIGHTLY DIVIDED, and not according to the way people sometimes think it has to be divided. To illustrate: Here are two persons opposite in their teaching concerning the paying of tithes. One says we ought to pay tithes and gives his Scriptural reason for his theory. Another says we should not pay tithes and gives his Scriptural reason for his theory. Now the Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided on this subject. The views of these two men do not lower the standard. One or the other of these two men is wrong, but that does not make the standard wrong.

When both of these men are able to climb upon a chair or table and embrace the standard bend down to their theories they will both be able to see alike.

Now see the principle established by the early Church. There was some disagreement among the members up at

Antioch over the subject of circumcision. Some believed they should practice circumcision and others believed they should not. They took the matter to the apostles and elders and brethren at Jerusalem. In that Assembly the matter was discussed from different points of view and at last they reached the perfect standard of dividing the Scriptures correctly which put an end to circumcision. This was not the theory or decision of one man, but all agreed. They did not fall into the error of creed making, but the decision was based upon a correct division of the Word of God.

Now get a picture: Here is a house, one man approaches it and says it has one door and two windows. Another one standing a little remote from the first declares it has two doors and four windows. Now the fact is that the first man has only looked at one side of the house while the other man from his position can see two sides of the house. Then to get a full description of the house it is necessary to look on all sides. We proceed, then, to place men all around the house and each man describe just what he sees from the point where he is standing. When all of these descriptions are taken into consideration and put together then you have the full description of the house. Now this is the very way to rightly divide the Bible. One man will not see it all and be able to rightly divide it, but all, by looking at it from their view point, will be able to get a full understanding of its teachings. Then put them all together and give every passage its correct worth and the standard is located. Thus we say with Solomon, "Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." (Prov. 11: 14.) Thus we hold our Annual Assembly, that we may have the benefit of the multitude of counsellors. And this is in direct harmony with the apostolic plan, so we feel we are on safe footing when we follow the example of the apostles.

But when one or two persons get up a theory and undertake to make everything bend to their views it is unsafe. And they that have their different view points may differ as was the case with the two men looking at the same house referred to above. They often get up a dispute similar to the two men that fell out with each other over the color of a certain chameleon. Now a chameleon is always the color of whatever substance it is on. If it is on a green substance it is green, and if on a white substance it is white. One declared the chameleon was green while the other declared it was lightish gray. One saw it on a green leaf while the other saw it on an old fence rail. Both were right, but they could not agree and fell out and had a regular quarrel. This was because they did not know the nature of the chameleon. Thus people fall out and disagree about Scriptures because they are without sufficient knowledge. This corresponds to the message

of God through His servant Hosea: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6.) Thus we repeat, reproach is often brought on the Church by those who do not know how to divide the Word of God correctly, and sometimes refuse to adhere to or submit to the multitude of counsellors in the Annual Assembly.

This fact is verified in that we hear of a few members of the Church that do not believe in paying tithes, in the face of the fact that this multitude of counselors looking at every side of the house from all the view points have decided that it is right to pay tithes. A man that takes a stand against a multitude of honest sincere God fearing counselors and establishes a creed of his own like this is an unsafe man to say the least of him. He virtually says that he is right and all the counselors are wrong. He is like the man that still contends that there is only one door in the house and two windows, when he sees only one side of the house while all the men stationed around the house see all the house and when the description is given by each one and all put together reveals the fact that there are three doors and eight windows. One is as absurd as the other.

We have been informed of a certain brother that is teaching that all must sell out their possessions and have one purse and live in common as the early followers of Jesus did a few days there at Jerusalem. Some are taking to His teaching, although kindly admonished against accepting it by those in authority. And I understand he himself has been kindly admonished and advised not to persist in it. But he still persists in it so I am told. Now I wish to show, for the benefit of all, that he and those that agree with him are not measuring up to the Scriptures and are far beneath the Apostle Paul, both in wisdom and knowledge. Although Paul was right about the matter of circumcision and had the knowledge to give it its rightful place, he was wise enough to carry it to the Assembly for settlement instead of persisting in teaching it the way he saw it although it proved that he was right.

This same noble Paul lays stress on the importance of rightly dividing the Scriptures where he says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2: 15.) And he plainly teaches farther down in the chapter the danger of dividing the Scriptures incorrectly. A wrong division or application does not only injure the one who teaches incorrectly, but it poisons those who are taught. Then this shows the danger of our people teaching anything contrary to the teaching of the Assembly.

There are some erroneous things creeping in occasionally that shows more plainly all the time that we need a Bible Training School, where our younger and inexperienced ministers and prospective ministers can re-

ceive special instruction to enable them to rightly divide the word of truth. I feel this is a subject of vast importance, and it seems to me that the time has come for definite action. While we are doing fairly well, and the Lord is greatly blessing our efforts to save men and establish the Church of God in the earth again, yet it seems to me that the help of a training school would make more efficient workers, so the work could be carried on more rapidly and with less friction in the way of teaching.

And besides this, there is a strong demand by our young people, and some of the older ones too, for such a school where they can be trained for more effective work and obtain a better knowledge of the Bible so they will feel better able to meet the world and its oppositions. We often receive letters of inquiry about where the writers can attend a Bible School that we can recommend. Of course we have none that we feel free to recommend, and thus they are left out on the sea of the world to drift.

If people who have means to leave behind them when they are gone want to invest it in something for the benefit of the incoming generations and the great Church of God, it seems to me that nothing could be more effective for good than a good Bible Training School. Although the time is short it is all the more reason for being in a hurry about the matter. A three or six months Bible training course for every one entering the ministry would be of untold value.

Referring again briefly to the teaching of selling our possessions and living in common, I wish to say that history shows that this has been tried by Christian enthusiasts many times since practiced by the early Church and without an exception it has ended in disaster. This either proves it is not God's plan, or the inability of those concerned to manage it or that the time has never arrived for its re-establishment.

There can be no objections to any one selling their possessions if they wish to do so and putting the price of them into the work of the Lord, but to undertake to teach or force all the Christians to do this and make one common fund from which to draw support is either premature or unscriptural. It would be well for all the ministers to be free from the care of business, but it is certainly better for the members to have some kind of honest employment for themselves than to depend upon a common fund for their support.

In reference to this subject one has said that he was taught that the Church of God stood for the whole Bible, and if this is true we ought to take Acts 2: 4 : 45, as well as Acts 2:4. In reply to this I wish to say again that the Church of God does stand for the whole Bible, but it is the whole Bible rightly divided, and we do not depend upon the opinion of any one man for this division. To do this would be like depending on the

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EDITORIAL.

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If you wish to know when your subscription expires look at the right of your printed name on the wrapper or paper.

We are doing our best to make the Evangel worth something to its readers. Every body ought to read it. Try to convince your friends that they need it in their homes.

Balls of "like as of fire" have been witnessed over this city recently, and one was noticed to tarry just above the Sunnyside Tabernacle while we were engaged in service there. The Lord is still blessing here. Baptized twenty last Sunday.

It is evident now that our members who have registered under the conscript law, can be exempt. They will probably be required to furnish proof of their membership, and in some cases where the Church is not so well known they may be required to show in some manner that the Church is opposed to its members going to war.

Since publishing the request that we be furnished with a list of all the churches organized since the assembly with names and addresses of the clerks of these new churches we have received but little response. This should not be neglected, as the government at Washington requires us to furnish a full list of all of our churches up to date. We need the location of the church and the name and address of the clerk. Remember it is only the new churches we want. We have all back of the last Assembly.

Carmi, Ill.

I want to report the meeting held here July 1, 1917. The day was certainly enjoyed by all. The songs and testimonies were soulstirring, and the message that was given by our overseer on the Bible Christian caused it to be a heart-searching time.

The dinner certainly was fine and every one had plenty and some was left.

The meeting closed Sunday night. Three received the Holy Ghost, some were saved and four were added to the Church of God.

We go from here to Carry Mills, Ill. Pray that we may be successful there.

Yours for the Master,
R. A. Fielden.

Prayer.

John Q. Myers.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6: 18.

Prayer is the greatest avenue of power known to man. It far surpasses testimonials, singing, giving, sacrifices and other good works that stand high in their places.

Nothing can feed a hungry soul so much as a close communion in prayer with our Heavenly Father.

When all seems dark and we are tempest tossed by the raging waves of trials and temptation, nothing brings a calm so quickly as the sacred hour of prayer. We can steal out into the mountain or secret chamber where there is nothing to confuse, and open our hearts to Him, allowing the Spirit to carry the messages from our hearts to God, and likewise bring the response, then all becomes calm. We feel the quickening power of the Spirit in our bodies and a rush of love and joy to our souls.

Our hearts are melted as metal is under the furnace heat. We then have victory over all, and can face the enemy with new zeal and boldness. Nothing looks too hard after a season of prayer that has reached the throne of grace.

There is no better way to see the value of prayer than to recall some of the Scriptures that give an account of some of the results of prayer.

"And behold I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49.

We find that the Apostles obeyed this command and tarried in an upper room ten days. What were they doing? "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Acts 1: 14.

Never in all the history of Peter's life do we find that he spoke so boldly and with such power as he did at the end of those ten days of prayer. His sermon was so powerful that three thousand souls were saved under it.

It is fascinating to read the book of Acts and see how the fire of the Holy Ghost spread. It consumed the devil's works as broom sage is destroyed before the literal fire. But let us remember that this fire was kept burning by constant, earnest prayer.

"Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them and said, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6: 2, 3, 4.

Can we be called to the ministry and have the fire in us that those gallant men had, and take worldly positions and allow the preaching of the gospel to be a side issue? "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" II Cor. 13: 5.

Brethren it may look dark, but David, when he was an old man, said he had never seen the righteous forsaken nor his

seed begging bread. He also said he would rather be a door keeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Think of the zeal of the apostles after having been arraigned before the council at Jerusalem, as they prayed for boldness to declare the Word of God. When they had PRAYED the place was shaken.

Paul and Silas were heard praying at midnight, and suddenly there was an earth quake, the prison doors were opened, and the jailor's household converted.

The noble Apostle Peter finds himself chained inside prison walls, guarded by four quaternions of soldiers, but "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him," and God sent an angel to take him out of prison just before his intended execution by Herod. What was the key to this prison door? Prayer.

Note that Jesus used prayer as His weapon against the enemy. Just before He commanded Lazarus to come forth, He prayed. He prayed for Peter. He prayed for our sanctification and oneness. He prayed on the mountain all night; yea He had time to pray when He had no time to sleep; He had time to pray when He had no time to eat. His life was a life of prayer. He is our example.

Then brethren, seeing that prayer is the key to impossibilities, let us lay hold on this key and thrust it into the locks that have been so long keeping the door closed on the beautiful light of Pentecost. Just behind this door lie some beautiful gifts that belong to the Church of God.

Prayer without doubting is the master key to all impossibilities. It will open the doors that bar the rights of saints. "Pray without ceasing." —1Thes. 5: 17.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the saints:

My Savior is so good to me. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I have joy in my soul.

We are having a good meeting here. The devil howls but we shout the victory.

Brother Evans was beaten up very badly, but he is still praising God. I think he will be ready to go and carry the message again in the near future. Praise the Lord.

Brother Evans is one who believes in praying for his enemies and he prays for them too. He says he will do all he can to help those who whipped him to get the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for this wonderful salvation that I have in my heart. I know that Jesus is coming soon to catch away His people for we see the signs every day.

I ask the prayers of the saints that I may grow stronger and be a great worker for God. I want to ever do the will of my Father at all times.

G. W. Morgan.

Notice.

If any one wishes to know anything about a certain Jimmie Johnson who claims to be a Church of God preacher, address either of the following names, Ira Redden, C. O. Luttrell, A. N. Smith all of Soddy, Tenn.

Babes In Christ.

Allen C. Oroy.

Oh how the parents love the babe! The mother and father love broods over it so tenderly! With what tender care they nurse it, feed it, and watch it grow; and with what joy do they recognize every new sign of recognition of the love and care of the parents and members of the family.

Paul and Silas were heard praying at midnight, and suddenly there was an earth quake, the prison doors were opened, and the jailor's household converted.

So, beloved, our dear Father in heaven loves the babes in the heavenly household, the family of God.

How precious is that

Scripture that reveals the joy of

the angels of God over every

babe born into the Kingdom.

"Likewise, I say unto you, there

is joy in the presence of the

angels of God over one sinner

that repenteth." Luke 15: 10.

Into many households the little

babe comes unloved and unwelcomed;

but not so in the family

of God. In the presence of the

angels there is always gladness

over the repenting sinner.

When we are born of the

Spirit of God our names are

written on our Heavenly Fa-

ther's family record, there in

the Heavenly Home. We are

told to rejoice more over this

fact than that we have power

over unclean Spirits.

With what carefulness then should we nourish the new born soul, and tenderly guard every avenue of approach to its life, lest the enemy creep in and defile its purity. A little babe will crawl over the floor and put things in its mouth that are really dangerous to its health; so also will a spiritual babe indulge in things detrimental to its spiritual life if not jealously guarded by the members of the spiritual household.

I have heard people who called themselves believers, take the holy names of the Lord on their lips in common conversation as they would a by-word. These dear people doubtless had been accustomed to hearing others who were called Christians do so, and had never been reproved nor told that it would defile their souls; they had never been taught to reverence the name of the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Another common error among many people who name the name of Christ is repeating profanity uttered by others. A dear old man now gone to rest, once told me that he had often been grieved by hearing anecdotes of a "sanctified" (?) man; the man frequently entertained by telling of scraps he had been into, and repeating language he used when he was a sinner. The old gentleman called it "second-hand swearing." What else could it have been?

We are admonished by the word thus: "Then shall ye remember your evil ways and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations." Do you get the idea? You abhor your former way of living; you cannot bear to have it brought to view; you want it hidden, covered, as the Psalmist said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32: 1.

There is another defiling thing quite common in the mouths of the young and unstable Christians; it is the repeating in con-

versation the sayings and doings of people who are under the power of God. This may seem to be a light thing, but brethren, it begets a light and frivolous way of looking at the work of the Lord. Who can blame sinners for laughing at and mimicing people under the power of the Spirit, when those who claim to be Christians are not as reverent as they should be?

The knowledge of the works and ways of the Lord is a precious treasure to us. How sacred we should hold the manifestations of His Holy Spirit! But while we reprove these dear ones, let us be gentle and recover them out of the snare of the devil.

May God bless the dear babes in Christ and help them to "lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset them."

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am only a little boy thirteen years old but I have salvation and I am seeking the Holy Ghost for I want to be a worker for the Lord.

I certainly enjoy reading the Church of God Evangel. The testimonies of God's children are so bright and inspiring.

I thank God for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. My father and mother are both filled with the Holy Ghost and are members of the Church of God also.

There are a few of the boys here who have the blessed Holy Ghost and I wish I was one of them.

I feel that it won't be long until Jesus is coming back to catch away His own.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may get the blessing before it is too late.

Your brother seeking for the Holy Ghost.

O. C. Morgan.

Elkhurst, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

Greeting in the name of Jesus. I am still on the hallelujah side. We certainly had a wonderful time at the state Assembly at Cedar Grove, W. Va. The Lord was present in power and set His seal on the dedication service.

The Lord sure is working in W. Va. There are so many calls from different places. I expect to be on the field as the Lord leads me.

Dear ones, let us stay humble at the feet of Jesus until He comes or calls.

Pray for me as I go telling the good news.

Your brother,

James Cline.

Somerset, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for His saving and sanctifying power. I was once a Baptist and a persecutor of the true Church, but when the scales fell from my eyes I began to see my condition and realize my need.

When I received the experience and began preaching it to others I was put out of the synagogue (church) though they tried to get me back afterward, but I am free. Hallelujah!

I thank God for sending Brother Llewellyn here July 1, 1917 to dedicate our new church. He preached four of the best sermons I ever heard. About eight hundred people were present. Dinner was served on the grounds.

Pray for us.

THE POWER IN PRAYER

SAM C. PERRY

There is no point more vital in all the Christian's life than that of prayer. It is the connecting link everywhere. "In everything by prayer" is the words of the mighty Apostle Paul.

Prayer is the key to all the problems that confront us. It unlocks the secret chambers of divine life and love and brings us into a conscious, satisfying knowledge of the divine Being, and by it the soul is kept in continuous fellowship and communion with Him. In all ages the men who have known God most intimately, enjoying His fullest fellowship, and understanding best His plans, have been the greatest prayers the world has known.

You can't walk with God without prayer, much continued prayer, regularly, under all conditions and circumstances. The wireless connection between the soul and God, the faculty of communion with God will not operate but by the touch of prayer.

The fires of holy love and spiritual power burn the hottest while the soul is exercised by earnest submissive, obedient, believing prayer, nor is it the amount of noise we make or the number of words uttered, but the attitude or condition of the heart toward God, its object of worship. Prayer is to the soul what breathing is to the lungs.

Prayer is that exercise by which we bring into our life the things provided in Jesus for us. God's great store house is full of good things for His children. His Word points the way to them, prayer appropriate them to the soul's use.

The depth to which prayer reaches for the things of the Spirit has never yet been measured. It seems that so far as man is able to see the possibilities of prayer have no limits. There is certainly a very wide field inviting those who would gain the highest development in spiritual things. Prayer beyond anything we have yet exercised is invited in an effort to fathom, measure, to attain.

The unsearchable riches, the love that passeth knowledge invite prayer to search their length and breadth and depth and height. To the whole hearted believer there is nothing in the way, reach forth.

Prayer not only opens the door of the individual exercised therein to its own blessing, but prayer for others becomes a source of blessing for those around us.

We need to know more of the power of prayer for others. There is no greater means for doing good on earth. If we live in our proper relation to God there is no class of people on earth but might be effected by our prayers to God.

Individuals, families, communities, nations, have been changed in answer to prayer. Kings on their thrones have trembled before the prayers of God's humble children.

There is no power of wicked men or devils but might be checked in answers to the prayers of God's children.

So few seem to realize what they have in the privilege of prayer. There is no reason for despairing of the salvation of our loved ones and the people around us while we have the privilege of prayer, suppose we try it. Try praying for your loved ones. Pray like men used

to pray, by the hour, or all day or all night, pray until you get the answer.

Try the same way for a revival in your community. Whole communities have been stirred because of the prayers of one person. Have you determined to pray until God answered? How we need men and women that can pray; men and women who know no defeat, but are able to hold on to God until His power comes and souls are saved. We can never measure up on other lines unless we measure up on the prayer line.

St. Thomas, V. I.

West Indies, June 22, 1917.
Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Glory and honor and praise be unto Jesus our great King!

We purchased our ticket about May 20, for Barbados, but after having been informed that there were a few saints here, we got a stop over for this island.

We sailed from New York May 24, and arrived here May 30. We found some dear people tarrying for the Holy Ghost.

We rented a room and began our services, and the dear Lord blessed every effort we put forth to establish His work. There was a number of seekers from the very beginning, and one received the Holy Ghost at the first service. Of course this brought a multitude of people to see the manifestations of the power of God.

We continued the meetings about three weeks, during which time seven others received the Holy Ghost (for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.) One was saved, and another was sanctified.

Of course we didn't fail to tell them about the Church of God, and as the Lord revealed His Church to the saints they became very anxious to become members of it; so on the night of June 20, we set the Church in order with ten members. The Lord set His seal on the work by giving us a good time in the Holy Ghost.

On the night following, four others joined the Church; then we observed the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. And as Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," we of course had another good time in the Lord.

Brother James George was appointed as their leader, and Brother Charlie Dailey as clerk.

These dear saints here EARN-ESTLY desire the prayers of all the saints scattered abroad.

During our meeting here we visited St. Croix, another island about forty miles from here, and stayed three days. Arriving Saturday afternoon, we preached to a great crowd of people who showed interest by raising their hands for prayer.

On Sunday morning we preached in a Pentecostal Mission where only two had the baptism of the Spirit but there were several seekers. We preached on the three experiences and the Church of God. One received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

That night we preached along the same line. Two were saved, and the saints expressed their desire to have the church set in order. So on Monday night we set the church in order with

ten members, and had the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The Lord wonderfully blessed in all of the services.

Brother Maurice Brady was appointed for their pastor and Sister Brady, the pastor's wife, was appointed clerk of the church.

The dear ones at this island desire the prayers of the saints that the rest of the members may receive the Holy Ghost and be true to the church.

We are now waiting for the ship to take us to Barbados. We expect it to come this afternoon or tonight. Our address will be Bridgetown, Barbados, W.I.

We covet the prayers of the saints.

Yours in the Master's service,
F. L. Ryder and wife.

Harriman, Tenn.

To All the Saints Scattered Abroad:

I want the people to know that I am standing for the Bible way. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides.

I love God and His Word. I'm so glad I found Him when I did. I am not ashamed of the life I have lived before the world since that time. Sinners can tell when God is in our lives.

When the Holy Ghost comes to abide with us we have to conform our lives to the Word of God. We must lay aside our remedies if we would have the signs follow us when we pray for the sick. If we desire the blessings of the Lord we must leave off the things of the world, such as going to shows, balls, parties, etc., and we must shun the very appearance of evil.

I am so glad God will hear His children's cries. Our little three-year-old girl woke up last Wednesday night saying, "Daddy, I am sick; pray for me." She was real sick indeed, but after we prayed for her she was asleep in a little while. Praise God! I love Him more than tongue can tell. He has heard my cries so many times and come to my rescue.

Your brother for God and His righteousness,

Will Patton.

Clifty, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise the Lord for the old time religion. Glory! I have found Him so precious to my soul. I am so glad Jesus loves me! I am trusting Him for all.

God has been so good to me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and healed my body.

I love the way of holiness; it is the Bible way and there is no other.

We are going to a grand meeting by and by—we who are in the way of holiness—and oh, what a happy time it will be! Press along ye weary children; press along we will soon be home!

Your sister in Christ,
Anna Steelmon.

Report From the Field.

We have just closed a meeting at Estelle, Ga. The Lord is still blessing down there. Two received the Holy Ghost, one was sanctified and three re-claimed.

On Sunday, July 1, we had the baptismal service, and the Lord's Supper and feet-washing that night.

The saints all seem to have their peace and love multiplied according to Jude 2.

I. D. Bain.

Our Coming Lord.

Emma Henson.

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep these things which are written therein; for the time is at hand."

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thess. 4:16.

There are many things in this dark land to inspire us to watch and wait for the coming of our Lord which draweth very nigh. Our Lord quickens our faith by various means, causing us to "lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help." The blessed Holy Ghost speaks to us through the word "watch ye;" our friends write beautiful messages on the same theme. They seem to be written for the purpose of inspiring us to be on the alert, doing the will of God, that our ears may be open to the sound of the archangel's shout.

Paul says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven." Then Peter asks, "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" The gospel texts are warning bells telling us to lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh. The saints of old are continually calling us to walk even as He walked.

The spiritual dearth among enlightened people impresses us with the great question: "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" The soul that desires to be found watching will be prompted by the Holy Ghost to abide in Him as the branch abides in the vine. "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings." Isaiah 3:10.

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Another year is passing and may it be a blessed one of soul victory; and as Jesus tarries may we be faithful even unto death.

Camp Meeting

At Preston, Md., will begin July 27, 1917, and continue as long as the Lord leads. Brother J. W. Pitcher, of Baltimore, Md., will be in charge, assisted by whomsoever the Lord may send.

This camp ground is very conveniently located, being only about one and one fourth miles from the B. O. A. depot, with a state road running nearly to the grounds.

There will be a boardinghouse on the grounds where board can be obtained at a reasonable price. This will be in care of Brother R. P. Taylor who will try to make everybody feel pleasant and at home.

Let all who can, come expecting to be blessed, and also to be a blessing. We are praying and believing that God will be glorified in this meeting.

For further information, address, R. P. Taylor, Preston, Md.

Yours in Christ,
M. A. Cohee, clerk.

Wauchula, Fla.

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

I desire to offer a few words of praise to God through the Evangel for healing my baby. He was sick ten weeks and I promised God if He would heal him I would give Him the glory for it. He is perfectly well and happy now, and he was healed without medicine.

It has been nearly three years

since I received the Holy Ghost and God has been my physician ever since, but I am not on fire for God as I once was. I want the fullness of God's blessings; nothing else will satisfy my hungry heart. I want the saints to pray for me and for my husband.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. J. R. King.

Cardiff, Ala.

Dear Editor and Saints:

You don't know how much pleasure it affords me to read the Evangel. I am not saved, but I have been seeking salvation three years. I believe this is the only way and I want to get into it.

Some of my children have received the Holy Ghost and are living for Jesus, and I want to live for Him too.

I have had a sore foot for one year; the saints have prayed for me at different times and it would get better for a while and then get worse again. I request your prayers for my healing and for my salvation. I want to serve the Lord in an acceptable manner.

Sallie Keith.

Branford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising God for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and because I am a member of the dear old Church of God. I thank God for a salvation that I can live every day. The way gets sweeter to me every day. Thank God!

There are a few saints who are standing true and we need the prayers that every member of the church may be on fire for God. The devil is present but thank God, the Lord is with us. The people make fun but the power continues to fall.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Joysey Peterson.

Somerset, Ky.

Dear Editor and Saints:

I am glad to report victory in Jesus' name. I am glad the doors of mercy still extend wide.

I am praising God for the wonderful sermon we heard in our new tabernacle on Sunday, July 1st. Brother Llewellyn gave out the Word in a wonderful way. We had an all-day service. We feasted on the bread of eternal life as well as food for our bodies. There was dinner for every one present.

I pray that the good which was done in that all-day meeting will stand when this old world is melting in fervent heat.

I am glad God's promises are true. He will care for His own and will never leave nor forsake us.

Pray for the church here.
Yours under the blood,
Chas. H. Randall.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Saints:

I want to praise God for He has done so much for us. Jesus has healed our little girl. Some did not think she would get well but praise God, she is healed.

We took the child to Brother Tomlinson's home and there had a healing service. From that day she began to get better.

Jesus will hear our prayers when we meet the conditions, praise His name. Oh, it is so sweet to trust in Jesus and I want grace to trust Him more.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. J. S. Jones.

Arley, Ala.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3.

Oh bless God! We are getting right back to the old landmarks. We are contending for that faith which was once delivered unto the saints, and I feel that we have it in some measure in our church at Hebron, Ala.

Recently the Lord worked a miracle in the healing of Brother Parris' baby. The little thirteen-months-old Dora B. played until bed time, and went to sleep as well as usual; in the night the mother was awakened by the little one who seemed to be very sick. She called Brother Parris and told him the baby was very sick, to call the others and pray for it. The little one continued to grow worse, and it looked as if there were no use to pray, but the saints who were most used of the Lord in praying for the sick were sent for, though it looked as if she would be gone before they could get there; the death pallor spread over its face, and its eyes were set and staring.

Just as the saints got there and began to pray, she seemed to go; pulse was gone, breathing stopped and to all she seemed to be gone; but they did not give up, with a great cry they began calling on God, and one sister cried out, "Oh Jesus you are the same as you were when you went to the grave of Lazarus!" Oh praise God! She then began showing signs of life and was soon strong enough to take a drink; by morning she was her usual little self again. Hallelujah for such a wonderful Savior!

I feel that if we who are seeking the gifts of the Spirit would be more earnest, they would be granted unto us. When we were seeking salvation—all three of the experiences, we got in earnest, and when we pray that way we will receive some gift. I never was so hungry for one as I am now.

One of God's least ones,
Ida McCoy.

Quitman, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to join the glad multitudes who are praising God. I praise Him, too, for saving my soul from sin and the evils of this transient life.

I well remember of promising God at a little church away down in Echols Co., Ga., that I would be anything for Him He wanted me to be, I would go or stay, I would be His obedient child; and by His grace I intend to always be true to Him. I know without a doubt that He is my best friend.

I thank God for His church and its teachings; I'm so glad He added me to it. Through His goodness I am in the fold and have only one Shepherd.

It makes me feel so unworthy to review the past days I have spent in sin and disobedience, and then think of God's tender mercy in saving me so wonderfully from all my sins; but thank God I have heard His voice and I'm running from the storm.

I thank God for the happy home He has given me, and for a consecrated companion, one who has the Holy Ghost and talks in tongues, and takes no medicine. Friends, this is something to be proud of.

Now in conclusion I want to

ask every one of the saints to pray especially for God to baptize me with the Holy Ghost.

May God bless our editor! I thank God for His soul-thrilling messages through the Evangel.

Your unworthy brother,
W. B. Cobb.

Request for Prayer.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Mother Bunder of Jefferson City, Tenn., is greatly afflicted in her body and mind. Is a great sufferer and so bound by the enemy in her body. She desires the prayers of all the Church of God for her deliverance.

She is a member of the Church of God and a dear old saint who has been much used of the Lord, filled with the Holy Ghost.

Pray earnestly that she may be delivered.

Mrs. H. L. Trim.

Broken Arrow, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still clinging to Jesus. I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I can feel the fire; it has not burned low nor has it any tendency to do so.

I like to tell people that I am sanctified and thereby acknowledge the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from all sin.

The Cotnam boys have their names up here for carrying the blood-stained banner of Jesus, but some day we are going to where our names are written—to our reward where there will be no trouble, pain or sorrow.

The churches in Oklahoma that have any of the signs according to Mark 16:16, are the Churches of God.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the church that was set in order at Sapulpa, and by His help we intend to try to show the people the true church.

The most of the Pentecostal people in Oklahoma do not believe in the signs following or in sanctification. They say if you just happen to pick up a snake, etc., etc. I wonder if they just happened to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and just happened to talk in tongues. And I often wonder what has become of the fire that used to be in their revivals; there is little of the power of God manifested.

Recently in a meeting, I happened to mention Brother and Sister Anderson; afterward a brother got up and made the following statement: "I have been in Georgia recently and heard of the Brother Anderson whom you heard the brother mention, and he believes in being baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. These Church of God folks are the only ones who have the gifts; it is the right way and the only way."

This same brother and I are planning to conduct a meeting near here in a few days. He is a wonderful man of God, and is anxious to become a member of the Church of God.

I would like for the friends who used to know me, to know that I am a new creature in Christ Jesus, and I expect to be there when the roll is called in heaven.

Your brother in Christ,
T. P. Octnam.

Branford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a meeting five miles below Branford, where the Lord did wonderfully bless. Three were saved, four sanctified and seven were baptized with

the Holy Ghost. The saints, too, were edified.

At intervals the Spirit of the Lord was poured out, and amid shouting, dancing and praising God, one could see the white heated love of God as it shone on the faces of the saints.

Fire was handled and people were convinced that God was with us indeed and in truth.

Eight followed the Lord in water baptism and eight were added to the church. There are more to come in later.

We are now in the battle at Obrien, Fla., where the Lord is beginning to bless. We are looking for a great harvest here.

We request the saints to pray that God will have His way with us and use us to His glory.

Yours in the battle,
R. P. Johnson,
E. W. Williams.

Notice.

The camp meeting at Friendship, Miss., will begin August 1st, and continue ten days or longer, as the Lord may lead. J. A. Davis will be in charge. Everybody is invited to attend.

R. D. Morgan, clerk.

Millville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my dear Redeemer. I praise Him for His tender mercies. I owe Him more praise than I can ever offer up.

My three children and myself are the only members of the Church of God at this place. We never hear any preaching and we are so anxious to go somewhere where we can be in meetings.

I have just finished reading the dear little Evangel. It is food to the soul and all the comfort we have. I read, and tears of joy fall.

I realize the end is drawing nigh and is even at the door. My heart is burdened for the lost, and I expect to get out on the battle field just as soon as God opens the way.

Your unworthy sister,
Bertha Burgess.

Big Tent Camp Meeting

Will convene Aug. 2nd, D. V., at Jefferson City, Tenn., to continue ten days or longer.

The Cedar Hill, Morristown and Knoxville churches are to combine in this meeting.

The Cleveland Cornet Band will be with us.

We expect Brother J. S. Llewellyn to do the leading preaching and the Holy Ghost to have charge.

Provisions are being made to camp on the ground.

Would be glad to hear from all who desire to camp.

Everybody come.

Let us expect great things from God. Pray much.

H. L. Trim and wife, pastor.

3t. Jefferson City, Tenn.

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DIVIDING THE SCRIPTURES

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one man to describe the house when he only sees one side of it. He declares there are only two windows and one door in it when a thorough investigation by the many, proves there are three doors and eight windows. For my part I prefer to risk the decision of the many counselors of the Annual Assembly about any point of doctrine than to take matters in my own hands and go contrary to their decision.

Whenever the Assembly decides that we should sell our possessions and live out of a common fund as they did a very short time after the day of Pentecost I will be ready to put it into practice, but until they do I will not do it, and any who teach such before the Assembly decides it is Scriptural, will be considered disloyal to the Church and should be dealt with accordingly.

I have never heard of any of our ministers falling into this error, but I have heard of a few of the members becoming tainted a little with it. I trust they will pass it off quietly until the Assembly decides it should be put into practice, which is not likely, because it is evident that a right division of Scripture sets it aside.

It is no more serious, however, for this doctrine to be thrust in among us before the Assembly decides upon it, than it is for some of the members to oppose the paying of tithes when the Assembly has already decided that the paying of tithes is according to Scripture rightly divided. I would be afraid to oppose any of the teaching laid down by the Assembly after they have given it full attention and arrived at a final conclusion.

I wish to repeat that "where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Therefore I conclude it is safe to follow the teachings outlined by the Assembly.

Shrewsbury, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I am praising the Lord for victory through the blood of Jesus. God has wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and has been keeping my body well.

The Church of God is established here with eighteen members. Seventeen were baptized June 1st. The Lord wonderfully blessed us and gave us the victory. Praise His name!

I am so glad the Lord sent Brother Rumler here to preach the full gospel. He is our pastor now.

I believe Jesus is coming soon, and I want to have oil in my vessel and be found ready to go. Pray for us.

Ida Paxton.

Camp Meeting.

At Branford, Fla., will begin Aug. 2—1917, and continue ten days or longer as the Holy Ghost may lead.

We want people to come prepared to camp, but if there are any that would like to come and have no camping outfit write us so we can arrange to care for you.

We want all to come that can for the glory of God.

M. S. Lemons in charge.

Address, R. P. Johnson,

3t. Branford, Fla.

NOTICE**Stop, Look and Listen, the Camp Meeting at Bethel,**

Two and one half miles North East of Melrose, Ga. will begin, JULY 26.

Every body invited to come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord. Come prepared to camp. Will have plenty of room for tents and cottages. We are expecting to have a restaurant on the grounds for the accommodation of every body.

The TABERNACLE for the meeting is forty by seventy feet.

There is a sawmill about 200 yards from the church, and those who wish to erect cottages can get lumber right there.

Pray for the meeting and come praying that God will give victory and a great ingathering of souls.

J. W. Buckalew in charge. For further information address, H. W. Kinsey clerk, 3t. Lake Park, Ga.

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